

to what John did in the brief years of his life.

John O. Quinn was a truly special person. He possessed a quality that very few people exhibit. He took joy in helping others. His unselfishness and passion for helping the less fortunate will always be remembered and will never be forgotten by those to whom he so generously dedicated his time.

John was committed to helping people all over the world. His desire to help impoverished people took him to Honduras, Guatemala, Mozambique and Ecuador. In all of these countries he vigorously sought out people who were in desperate need of the development and humanitarian aid that he enthusiastically provided.

John was the cofounder and executive director of the organization Action for Community Transformation, ACT. He founded ACT in January 2000 as an international development organization dedicated to empowering people in need to find their own sustainable solutions to problems of poor health, lack of education and poverty. Action for Community Transformation provides assistance in four major areas of development: healthcare; youth development; education and vocational training; and income generation.

As executive director of ACT, John's work was guided by the belief that respect for people comes first, urgent situations call for rapid responses, and greater participation leads to greater commitment. This last principle is the very definition of John's lifework. When John participated in development and aid projects, he did so with all his heart. He committed himself to helping others. The focus of his life was the people and communities that he felt it was his responsibility to serve. The help that John provided to victims of Hurricane Mitch in Puerto Cortes, Honduras illustrates John's dedication to and enthusiasm for helping people who desperately needed help.

While working in Puerto Cortes, Honduras, John developed a micro lending program which allowed 45 families who lost everything during Hurricane Mitch to start micro enterprises. He was also responsible for the design and installation of a potable water system in Puerto Cortes, Honduras. He helped build a school and kindergarten that is attended by ninety-one students and he contributed to the construction of a medical clinic and over eighty houses for locals whose homes were destroyed by Hurricane Mitch. Characteristically, when John had time off from his activities associated with ACT, he spent it instructing the residents of the area in the English language. He was always looking for new people that he could help.

Felicita Carcamo, a teacher in Puerto Cortes, Honduras enthusiastically praised John in the local newspaper. She said that Quinn loved the poor and

was dedicated to the people of the area. A man who will be remembered in such a fashion must have been a truly wonderful person. John was this kind of a person.

John's desire to help the poor and less fortunate began well before he came to the aid of the victims of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras and Guatemala. After graduating from the University of Vermont in 1991 he immediately joined the Peace Corps. As a member of the Peace Corps, John was stationed in Macas, Ecuador for three years. While there he worked to develop community health programs; community development programs; and livestock and agroforestry programs.

In a procession honoring John's life, residents of Puerto Cortes, Honduras carried signs that read "John Quinn, the community cries now that you have left us, and you will always live with us" and "for your dedication to others, God has thanked you."

In memory of his death, John's family has established the John Quinn Memorial Scholarship Fund that goes towards paying for the education of children living in Honduras.

The help that John provided to the people of Honduras, Guatemala, Mozambique and Ecuador and his desire to help those who could not help themselves, must never be forgotten. Even though his life has been tragically cut short, he accomplished much in his lifetime and touched many lives. His family can be justly proud of John, even as they mourn his loss.●

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, earlier this month people in my home state of Michigan gathered to celebrate the 150th birthday of the Academy of the Sacred Heart an institution that, even though it was founded for the "sake of one child," has been providing excellence in education to countless individuals. This celebration culminated on Sunday, September 16, 2001, when His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit conducted a celebratory liturgy for this the oldest independent school in the State of Michigan.

This year marks the third centenary anniversary of Detroit, MI. In that time, many changes have dramatically altered the city as it evolved from a small trading outpost into an international center of commerce and industry. Through all these changes, one thing has remained constant for the past century and a half: the Society of the Sacred Heart's commitment to educating the youth of metro Detroit. During this time, the Academy of the Sacred Heart has been an institution dedicated to the education of mind,

body and spirit. This focus on educating the whole person has enabled the Academy to develop students that embody the hallmarks of a Catholic education: intellectual rigor combined with service to God and others.

The Academy began in 1821 when the co-founder of the University of Michigan, Father Gabriel Richard asked the Society of the Sacred Heart to establish a foundation in Detroit. In 1849, the Society was given the land necessary to establish a school, and the doors to the first school opened on Jefferson Avenue, between St. Antoine and Beaubien Streets, in 1861.

In its first 20 years, this institution—dedicated to the pursuit of "faith seeking understanding" and the service of others—underwent a tenfold increase in enrollment. Detroit's economic growth paralleled the school's increasing enrollment, and the school found itself surrounded by factories and warehouses. The changing demographic led the school to sell its building, in 1918, to the Packard Motor Co. The school relocated to the corner of Lawrence and Woodrow Wilson Avenues. Further development and the establishment of the Lodge Freeway separated this new facility from the neighborhoods it served and enrollment dropped. This led the school to seek yet another new campus.

The third incarnation of the Academy of the Sacred Heart led it to its present location in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Today, the Academy continues to build on its tradition of faith and dedication to service. Attendance has blossomed at the school with nearly 500 students, of many faiths and cultural backgrounds, from all across the Detroit area. In addition to receiving quality academic instruction, students at the Academy learn by performing community service through various organizations in Detroit.

The entire Academy of the Sacred Heart community—the Society of the Sacred Heart, the faculty, alumni and current students—can take pride in the school's long and honorable service to the people of Michigan. I hope my Senate colleagues will join me in saluting the Academy of the Sacred Heart for a century and a half of achievement and in wishing them well on the next century and a half of continued success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 9:30 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

S. 248. An act to amend the Admiral James W. Nance and Meg Donovan Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2000 and 2001, to adjust a condition on the payment of arrearages to the United Nations that sets